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Rajasthan	43.161
Sikkim	1.183
Tamil Nadu	105.028
Tripura	2.607
Uttar Pradesh	106.810
Uttarakhand	15.500
West Bengal	53.760
All India	1047.726

Impact of strike

811. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the officers of the Oil companies went on strike in January, 09 thus paralyzing life in the country by blocking oil and gas supplies;

(b) whether it is also a (fact that the work at the oil refineries was seriously affected; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons that Government did not take any action for a number of days in ensuring sufficient supplies of oil etc. and dealing with the striking officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. A section of Officers of Central Public Sector Oil Companies had gone on strike from 7th to 9th January, 2009 in regard to certain issues of pay revision.

(b) Yes, Sir. Work at some of the Oil Refineries was affected by the strike.

(c) During the strike period stock and supply position of petroleum products were constantly monitored to ensure adequate availability of the same throughout the country.

Effect of the fall in the price of international crude

812. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total import of crude into the country after the steep fall in their prices both in quantity and value in foreign exchange;

(b) the overall impact on the performance of the public sector oil companies due to the steep fall in prices;

(c) whether Government plans to stockpile crude like China which has made huge infrastructure to stock crude which is costing lower in the markets;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and